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Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly

Report of the Second Committee

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I. Introduction

1. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 18 September 2009, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its sixty-fourth session the item entitled "Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly" and to allocate it to all the Main Committees for the sole purpose of considering and taking action on their respective tentative programmes of work.

2. The Second Committee considered the item at its 42nd meeting, on 11 December 2009 (see A/C.2/64/SR.42).

II. Consideration of draft decisions

A. Draft decision contained in document A/C.2/64/L.73

3. At its 42nd meeting, on 11 December, the Committee had before it the draft programme of work of the Second Committee for the sixty-fifth session of the General Assembly (A/C.2/64/L.73), which had been submitted by the Chairperson on the basis of consultations held with the Bureau of the Committee.

4. At the same meeting, the Secretary of the Committee orally corrected the draft programme of work of the Second Committee for the sixty-fifth session of the General Assembly (see A/C.2/64/SR.42).

5. Also at the same meeting, the Committee adopted its draft programme of work for the sixty-fifth session of the General Assembly, as contained in document A/C.2/64/L.73, as orally corrected, and recommended its approval by the General Assembly (see para. 9, draft decision I).

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B. Oral decision

6. At its 42nd meeting, on 11 December, the Chairman orally proposed to the Committee the adoption of the following draft decision entitled "Rotation of the post of Rapporteur of the Second Committee":

> "The General Assembly decides that, in order to rationalize further its methods of work for subsequent sessions of the Assembly, the Second Committee should endeavour to elect its Rapporteur on the basis of his or her experience and personal competence and on the basis of rotation among the regional groups as follows: African States, Asian States, Eastern European States, Latin American and Caribbean States and Western European and Other States."

7. At the same meeting, the Committee was informed that the draft decision had no programme budget implications (see A/C.2/64/SR.42).

8. Also at the same meeting, the Committee adopted the draft decision (see para. 9, draft decision II).

III. Recommendation of the Second Committee

9. The Second Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decisions:

Draft decision I
Programme of work of the Second Committee for the sixty-fifth session of the General Assembly

The General Assembly approves the programme of work of the Second Committee for the sixty-fifth session of the Assembly as set out below:

1. Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and of the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources.
2. Information and communications technologies for development.
3. Macroeconomic policy questions:
   (a) International trade and development;
   (b) International financial system and development;
   (c) External debt crisis and development.
4. Follow-up to and implementation of the outcome of the 2002 International Conference on Financing for Development and the 2008 Review Conference.
5. Sustainable development:
   (a) Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development;
   (b) Follow-up to and implementation of the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States;

(c) International Strategy for Disaster Reduction;

(d) Protection of global climate for present and future generations of humankind;

(e) Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa;

(f) Convention on Biological Diversity;

(g) Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its eleventh special session;

(h) United Nations Decade of Education for Sustainable Development;

(i) Harmony with Nature.

6. Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and strengthening of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat).

7. Globalization and interdependence:

(a) Role of the United Nations in promoting development in the context of globalization and interdependence;

(b) Preventing and combating corrupt practices and transfer of assets of illicit origin and returning such assets, in particular to the countries of origin, consistent with the United Nations Convention against Corruption;

(c) International migration and development.

8. Groups of countries in special situations:

(a) Fourth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries;

(b) Specific actions related to the particular needs and problems of landlocked developing countries: outcome of the International Ministerial Conference of Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries and Donor Countries and International Financial and Development Institutions on Transit Transport Cooperation.

9. Eradication of poverty and other development issues:

(a) Implementation of the Second United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (2008-2017);

(b) Industrial development cooperation.

10. Operational activities for development: operational activities for development of the United Nations system.

11. Agriculture development and food security.

Draft decision II
Rotation of the post of Rapporteur of the Second Committee

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